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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING REQUIRED OF YOU, GENERAL TORRIJOS AND PRESIDENT LAKAS, YOUR STAFF, EMPLOYEES OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY, AND THE US MILITARY IN HOSTING SO MANY DELEGA-TIONS OF SENATORS AND COVERING THE SAME ISSUES WITH EACH GROUP. WITHOUT THIS, HOWEVER, RATIFICATION WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. BECAUSE OF THESE EFFORTS, ODDS THAT THE TREATIES WILL BE APPROVED HAVE MARKEDLY IMPROVED, AS EVI-DENCED BY THE 14-1 FAVORABLE VOTE BY THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT I WAS ABLE TO DE-FEND MY POSITION OF SUPPORT THIS PAST WEEKEND BEFORE A WIDE VARIETY OF GROUPS IN MY STATE OF ILLINOIS. DESPITE THE FACT THAT SOME OF THEM WERE VERY HOSTILE AT THE OUTSET. I EX-PRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU AND THE AFOREMENTIONED PARTIES AND LOOK FORWARD TO A TWO-THIRDS-PLUS VOTE VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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